

of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, with an amendment;

S. 3325, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, with amendments;

S. 3296, to extend the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice;

S. 2052, to allow for certiorari review of certain cases denied relief or review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces;

H.R. 5235, to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission, with an amendment;

S. 3166, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose criminal penalties on individuals who assist aliens who have engaged in genocide, torture, or extrajudicial killings to enter the United States; and

The nominations of Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, and William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

BUSINESS START-UP HURDLES

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine business start-up hurdles in underserved communities, focusing on access to venture capital and entrepreneurship

training, after receiving testimony from Marian Sabety, Wyndstorm Corporation, and Robert A. Rapoza, Robert A. Rapoza Associates, both of Washington, D.C.; Don T. O'Bannon, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Business Diversity and Development Department, DFW Airport, Texas, on behalf of the Airport Minority Advisory Council; Margaret Henningsen, Legacy Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Jon S. Wainwright, National Economic Research Associate, Austin, Texas; Thomas D. Boston, EuQuant, and Rodney K. Strong, Griffin and Strong, P.C., both of Atlanta, Georgia; and Donald T. Wilson, Association of Small Business Development Centers, Burke, Virginia.

AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from David K. Rehbein, American Legion, Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES OUTREACH

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 1-800-MEDICARE Information (1-800-633-4227), after receiving testimony from Kerry Weems, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Michealle Carpenter, Medicare Rights Center, Washington, D.C.; Tatiana Fassieux, California Health Advocates, Sacramento; John Hendrick, Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Madison; Mac Curtis, Vangent, Arlington, Virginia; and Naomi Sullivan, Chico, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:— 19 public bills, H.R. 6869–6887; 1 private bill, H.R. 6888; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 410–412; and H. Res. 1425, 1427–1431 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6357, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote the adoption of health information technology, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–837, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6177, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–838);

H.R. 5853, to expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett's Farm (H. Rept. 110–839);

H.R. 5335, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–840);

H.R. 1847, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–841); and

H.R. 6627, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out certain construction projects (H. Rept. 110–842, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 190 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 585.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1426, electing the following Member to serve on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Representative Scott (VA).

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Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Tuesday, September 9th:

Directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically: H. Res. 1207, amended, to direct the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically;

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Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6169, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building";

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Securities Act of 2008: H.R. 6513, amended, to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance the effectiveness of the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement, corporation finance, trading and markets, investment management, and examination programs; and

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Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2008: H.R. 6475, to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001: H. Res. 1420, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 586; and

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Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1420 be extended by 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled.

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Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6532, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 376 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 587—clearing the measure for the President.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15th for morning hour debate.

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Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the ordering of the yeas and nays be vacated with respect to the motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills to the end that the motions be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Tuesday, September 9th:

House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2008: H.R. 6608, to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days; and

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Veterans' Programs Extension and Construction Authorization Act of 2008: H.R. 6832, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009 and to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Cannon moved to discharge the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science and Technology from the consideration of H.R. 6211, to allow Americans the opportunity to see their vast oil shale and tar

sands resources on Federal lands developed by providing the President with the ability to determine the quickest and most responsible way to access oil shale resources (Discharge Petition No. 17).

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. **Page H8044**

Discharge Petition: Representative Pearce moved to discharge the Committee on Armed Services from the consideration of H.R. 5868, to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the retention of members of the Armed Forces on active service or in an active status who would otherwise be retired or separated for a combat-related disability, but who are still medically able to perform noncombat-related military occupational specialties or duties (Discharge Petition No. 18).

Motion To Adjourn: Agreed to the Hoyer motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 588. **Page H8046**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–146).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8043–44, H8044, H8045, H8046. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE/ENERGY COMMODITY MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review dramatic movements in agriculture and energy commodity markets. Testimony was heard from Walter Lukken, Acting Chairman, CFTC.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities held a hearing on Examining the Role of Museums and Libraries in Strengthening Communities. Testimony was heard from Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services; and public witnesses.

TRAVEL PROMOTION ACT; CALL CENTER CONSUMER'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce Trade, and Consumer Protections in Tourism and Commerce held a hearing on Economic and Security Concerns in Tourism and Commerce, including the following bills: H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; and H.R. 1776, Call Center Consumer's Right to Know Act. Testimony was heard from Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection; and public witnesses.

ELECTRIC GRID CYBER-SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Electric Grid From Cyber-Security Threats." Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kevin M. Kolevar, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman, FERC; and public witnesses.

FAIR COPYRIGHT IN RESEARCH WORKS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 6945, Fair Copyright in Research Works Act. Testimony was heard from Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

JUVENILE JUSTICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 4300, Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3114, National Women's Rights History Project Act; H.R. 4162, San Bernardino Biomass Use Facilitation Act; H.R. 6156, Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act; H.R. 6233, To reinstate the Interim Management Strategy governing off-road vehicle use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, North Carolina, pending the issuance of a final rule for off-road vehicle use by the National Park Service; H.R. 6290, Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2008; H.R. 6291, Oregon Treasures Act of 2008; H.R. 6470, River Basin National Battlefield Act;